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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT JAWARA'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: A) BANJUL 587 B) SHEAR/BROOME TELCON, MAY 4

1. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESIDENT JAWARA AND PARTY HAVE

CHANGED DATES OF PLANNED US VISIT TO 21 MAY-4 JUNE.
JAWARA'S PARTY WILL INCLUDE ADRIEN SENGHOR (SENEGALESE MINISTER & CILSS MINISTER COORDINATOR), L.K. JAOBANG (GAMBIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS), YAYA IDRISSE (VOLTAIC, CILSS CHIEF OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING), WALLY N'DOW (GAMBIAN SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO JAWARA), AS WELL AS GAMBIAN PERM SEC FOR AGRICULTURE (NAME UNKNOWN), UNNAMED AIDE-DE-CAMP, AND SECRETARY-

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY. PRESIDENT JAWARA HAS PROPOSED TO VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 21-25, AND NEW YORK MAY 26-JUNE 4. WHILE IN NEW YORK, JAWARA HAS TENTATIVELY ARRANGED TO MEET WITH SAHEL AMBASSADORS ON MAY 27 AND UN OFFICIALS MAY 29-30.

3. WASHINGTON VISIT. IN ADDITION TO CALLS ON APPROPRIATE AID, STATE AND PEACE CORPS OFFICIALS DURING WASHINGTON STAY, WE PROPOSE TO TRY TO SCHEDULE:

(A) CONGRESSIONAL CALLS WITH BLACK CAUCUS, HIRC, SFRC, AND KEY STAFFERS. WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF A CONGRESSIONAL LUNCHEON FOR THE PRESIDENT.

(B) MEDIA APPEARANCES: NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, VOA, LOCAL NETWORK TELEVISION STATIONS AND TAPING. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A PRESS SEMINAR WITH OFF-THE-RECORD EDITORIAL DISCUSSION.
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(C) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) SUCH AS AFRICARE, OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ODC), ALEX HALEY FOUNDATION, ETC. IN VIEW OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GROUP NGOS TOGETHER IN SEMINAR SITUATION.

(D) WORLD BANK GROUP.

4. NEW YORK VISIT. REF TELCON REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT JAWARA INTENDS TO MEET WITH SAHEL AMBASSADORS ON MAY 27 IN NEW YORK AND TENTATIVELY CALL ON UNSG MAY 29, UNDP AND UNSO MAY 30. DURING PRESIDENT JAWARA'S STAY IN NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROPOSE MEETINGS WITH:

(A) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS BASED IN NEW YORK, AGAIN IN RECEPTION ATMOSPHERE.

(B) MEDIA APPEARANCES: ONE OF EITHER NETWORK PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAMS -- NBC TODAY SHOW OR ABC A.M. AMERICA SHOW.

(C) BLACK AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY BLACK

AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN INTERESTED IN INVESTMENT IN THE GAMBIA. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AFRO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

5. ALTERNATIVES: IF PRESIDENT JAWARA WOULD WISH TO RESCHEDULE HIS MEETINGS IN NEW YORK TO SOMETIME LATER IN THE WEEK, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT HIS ITINERARY BE EXPANDED TO COVER SEVERAL INTERESTING SITES OUTSIDE OF THE NEW YORK--WASHINGTON AREA. SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE WOULD BE:

(A) FIRST FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON TO ACCOMMODATE OFFICIAL CALLS OUTLINED PARA 3;

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(B) VISIT TO RESEARCH TRIANGLE IN RALEIGH, NC TO VISIT HEADQUARTERS OF S.E.C.I.D., A CONSORTIUM OF EIGHTEEN BLACK UNIVERSITIES NOW WORKING ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOW-COST HEALTH DELIVERY PROGRAMS IN THE SAHEL. VISIT TO RESEARCH TRIANGLE COULD ALSO BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REST STOP AT PINEHURST, NC TO ENJOY GOLF FACILITIES.

(C) VISIT TO PEANUT RESEARCH FACILITIES AT TIFTON, GA. COINCIDING WITH TIFTON VISIT, WE WOULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE CITY VISIT TO ATLANTA WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES.

(D) VISIT TO THE SOUTHWEST TO INSPECT IRRIGATION, RECLAMATION PROJECTS IN AREAS WITH RAINFALL AND SOIL CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO SAHEL REGION. PROPOSED STOPS WOULD BE DRYLAND AGRICULTURE PROJECTS (MILLET AND SORGHUM) AT TEXAS TECH (LUBBOCK) AND UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (TUCSON) FOR HIGH/LOW TECHNOLOGY IRRIGATION PROGRAMS AND LOW-COST HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS. PARTY WOULD RETURN TO NYC O/A JUNE 3. IF PRESIDENT JAWARA WERE IN THE US ON JUNE 10, BOWLING GREEN UNIVERSITY (OHIO) HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PRESENTING HIM WITH AN HONORARY DEGREE, HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT ADVISES AGAINST THIS AS AN UNNECESSARY COMPLICATION.

6. FOR BANJUL: ACTIVITIES OUTLINED PARAS 3,4,5 ARE ONLY MEANT AS PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND TIME CONSTRAINTS MEAN SEVERAL WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO BE EXCLUDED. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING JAWARA'S VIEWS ON ITEMS THEY FEEL MOST APPROPRIATE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THAT YOU CONFIRM FULL NAMES AND CORRECT TITLES OF INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN JAWARA'S PARTY. (FYI DEPT. HAD INDICATIONS THAT ALY Cisse, CILSS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MR. TALL, GAMBIA PERM SEC OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD ALSO BE ATTENDING. END FYI) DOES ENTIRE PARTY INTEND TO ACCOMPANY JAWARA FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM? IS IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT CILSS IS PAYING FOR ALL EXPENSES? WILL ESCORT-INTERPRETER BE NECESSARY? CAN WE ASSUME N'DOW AND GAMBIA CONSUL KOLKER ARE ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH UN OFFICIALS AND SAHEL AMBASSADORS' RECEPTION MAY 27?

7. FOR USUN: PLEASE ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM PRESIDENT JAWARA'S APPOINTMENTS WITH UNSG AND OTHER UN PERSONNEL AS THEY DEVELOP.

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